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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to office Action mailed October 21, 2003 (Paper # 15), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please cancel Claims 13-21.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.